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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/802,014	Applicant(s) ROUFOOGARAN ET AL.	
	Examiner Pablo N. Tran	Art Unit 2618	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3-5, 7-15, 18-20 and 22-30 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 6, 16 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2, 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Groups I in the reply filed on 09/12/06 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the species restriction is inappropriate. This is not found persuasive because according to MPEP 806.04 "Where an application includes claims directed to different embodiments or species that could fall within the scope of a generic claim, restriction between the species may be proper if the species are independent or distinct. However, 37 CFR 1.141 provides that an allowable generic claim may link a reasonable number of species embraced thereby. The practice is set forth in 37 CFR 1.146." As stated by the examiner's office action issued on 07/12/06, the species are independent and distinct.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. Claims 3-5, 7-15, 18-20, and 22-30 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected Group II-XI, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on 09/12/06.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-2, 6, 16-17, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 1 and 16, the claimed subject matter, "impedance at the first winding is substantially similar in the transmit mode and in the receive mode". Does the Applicant refer to similar impedance value, impedance type, or what? Appropriate correction required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims XXX are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Macnally et al. (7,065,327) in view of Sabouri et al. (6,999,743).

As per claims 1 and 16, Macnally et al. disclose a radio frequency integrated circuit (fig. 1, col. 2/ln. 20-21) comprising a radio front end (fig. 1) operable coupled to transceiver radio frequency signals; a low noise amplifier (fig. 1/item LNA, col. 3/ln. 30-57) operable coupled to the radio front end, wherein the low noise amplifier receives inbound RF signals from the radio front end, and wherein the low noise amplifier amplifies the inbound RF signals to produce amplified inbound RF signals; down

conversion module (fig. 1, col. 3/ln. 30-57) operable coupled to convert the amplified inbound RF signals into inbound baseband signals; baseband processing module (fig. 1, col. 3/ln. 30-57) operable coupled to convert the inbound baseband signals into inbound data and to convert outbound data into outbound baseband signals in accordance with a wireless communications protocol; up conversion module (fig. 1, col. 3/ln. 30-57) operable coupled to convert the outbound baseband signals into outbound RF signals; and a power amplifier (fig. 1/itwm PA, col. 3/ln. 30-57) operable coupled to amplify the outbound RF signals to produce amplified outbound RF signals and to provide the amplified outbound RF signals to the radio front end. Macnally et al. further disclose the radio front end includes a transformer (fig. 1) having a first winding and a second winding, wherein the first winding is operable coupled to an antenna and the second winding coupled to at least one of a power amplifier and a low noise amplifier, and an adjustable load operable coupled to the second winding (fig. 1, col. 5/ln. 3-23).

Macnally et al. disclose such matching network but not explicitly a matching network with a first impedance based on a first impedance selection signal when the radio front end is in a transmit mode and provides a second impedance based on a second impedance selection signal when the radio front end is in a receive mode such that impedance at the first winding is substantially similar in the transmit mode and in the receive mode. However, Sabouri et al. taught such matching network configuration (fig. 1, col. 1/ln. 51-65, col. 2/ln. 43-56). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to utilize such matching network, as taught by Sabouri et al.,

to the RF front end circuitry of Macnally et al. in order to improve transmission signals while optimized power consumption effectively.

As per claims 6 and 21, the modified communication apparatus of Macnally et al. and Sabouri et al. further disclose determining the load impedance selection signal based on at least one of impedance matching of load on single-ending winding, output power requirements, or receiver sensitivity (see Sabouri et al., col. 2/ln. 11-17).

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 2 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pablo Tran whose telephone number is (571)272-7898. The examiner normal hours are 9:30 -5:00 (Monday-Friday). If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban, can be reached at (571)272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

9. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) System. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR.

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November 28, 2006

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Tran', written over the printed name and title.

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